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We are never so ridiculous by the press as when we are not. Those who affect to be—Herschel.

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Jobless Suffer While Politicians and Penny-Pinchers Jangle

The politicians who control the Legislature of Pennsylvania have refused to make any tangible appropriation for the relief of the hundreds of thousands of jobless in that State. But the State is a good one, and its officials are not so stupid as to refuse to take a loan of \$100,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which Congress has authorized to loan Pennsylvania any of the \$300,000,000 which it has authorized to make available for the relief of the jobless.

At a special session of the Pennsylvania Legislature last year, Governor Pinchot asked for a State relief fund of \$100,000,000, to be used partly for direct relief and partly for public works and road construction. The politicians who controlled the Legislature refused the loan on the ground that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation refused the loan on the ground that Pennsylvania authorities had not done as much as they should to mitigate the destitution of their new jobless.

Between the politicians in Harrisburg and the penny-pinchers who control the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the destitute jobless are being ground down further and further.

Unemployment Insurance Means Test

The members of a committee appointed by the clergy of Newark, N. J., to consider the question of unemployment and the operation of the means test, have issued a report which is a study in the suffering of the unemployed. The report states that the means test is a scheme applied by the British Government under which the entire income from all sources of a family must be taken into account.

More Unemployment

The monthly tabulation of unemployment presented by Mr. Green, head of the American Federation of Labor, shows that the number of unemployed in the United States is now 13,000,000.

Liberty for Seamen

By VICTOR A. OLANDER, Secretary-Treasurer, International Seamen's Union of America.

As an indication of the sort of activities that are being carried on by the various divisions of organized labor in the interest of humanity, the following is one specific case.

The seamen of America are the only men in the seafaring world. The laws of all other nations protect the rights of their citizens, but the seamen of America have no such protection.

Thus, involuntary servitude is a universal condition on the ships of the American flag. The seamen of America are the only men in the seafaring world.

Upholds Trade of Liberty. But the maritime industry is international, and knowledge of the fact that "no one can be perfectly free till all are free" is a frequent plea made by representatives of the American trade union movement.

Triumph of Labor Vindicated. Slowly, but steadily, first in one place and then in another, men and nations will be attracted by its light and power. If not in one place, then in another, the nations of the earth will light their own torches from the torch of liberty.

British Labor Daily Has 1,565,000 Paid Circulation. London, Eng.—The Daily Herald, the official organ of the British labor movement, has announced that its paid circulation of Labor Party is a net increase of 34,000.

RAILROAD EXECUTIVES REEK NEW WAGE CUT

Eastern Presidents Confer on Schemes to Impose 15 Per Cent Slash on Top of 10 Per Cent Reductions of Last February.

New York.—The presidents of the Eastern railroads conferred here on proposals to reduce further the wages of unionized employees. It was stated that the presidents of the Western railroads were considering the same action.

The railroad unions accepted a 10 per cent wage cut in February, 1932. This agreement expires February 1, 1933. The railroad executives are now proposing a further 15 per cent cut.

McLean-Livine Wages. E. J. McLean, secretary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said that the railroad executives were proposing a 15 per cent cut in wages.

View of the A. F. of L. As to the railroad executives' demand for a 15 per cent wage cut, the American Federation of Labor has a different view.

Forty-Three States Restrict Women's Work. Hours of Labor are Limited in All But Four States. Women's Work is Limited in All But Four States.

Washington.—Forty-three States now have laws restricting the hours of work of women in certain industries. The laws are designed to protect the health of women workers.

5,000 Laid Off in May—Earnings \$55,257,212 Under Base-Months Year.

Washington.—Pulcher figures in railroad statistics show that 5,000 men were laid off in May, 1932. Their earnings for the month were \$55,257,212.

MORRISON WILL OPEN SECOND SERIES RADIO LECTURES. Secretary of A. F. of L. to Discuss Open and Closed Shop on Labor Day.

Washington.—Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, will open a series of radio lectures on Labor Day.

N. Y. Publishers Refuse To Consider Six-Hour Day. New York City Publishers Association.

New York.—The Publishers Association of New York City has refused to consider a six-hour day for its members.

Strike Closes Two Textile Mills in Salisbury, N. C. Salisbury, N. C.—The Roman Cotton Mills here were closed by a walkout of workers.

Hoosier Workers Organize Reading, Pa. District. Reading, Pa.—The American Federation of Labor is organizing workers in the Reading district.

Freely Will Give Labor Day Address in Toronto, Can. Toronto, Can.—John P. Freely, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, will give a Labor Day address in Toronto.

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Green Urges Fight on Rail Wage Cut and All Other Pay Slashes

WISCONSIN PUBLIC WORKS PLACED ON 30-TOUR-WEEK. State Unemployment Commission Says Short Week is Necessary to Provide Work for Jobless—Hand Labor Substituted for Machinery.

Madison, Wis.—The State Unemployment Commission announced that all public works projects of the State Department in Wisconsin will be conducted on a 30-hour week and a 30-day pay basis.

The rule will apply not only to high wage work, but also to low wage work. The rule will be applied to all public works projects.

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